

## **BROOKLY ACTION CORPS**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, 3/13/2013 @ 6:30 – End

Thelma Skelton Loaves and Fishes Center – Sacred Heart Villa

#### **Members in Attendance**

Michael O'Connor - BAC  
Don Stephens- BAC  
Wendy Miller - BAC  
Marie Phillippi- Newsletter  
Mark Romanaggi- BAC  
Joanna Jenkins- BAC  
Eric Wieland- BAC  
Jennifer Koozer- TriMet  
Bill Cunningham – Portland Bureau of Planning or sustainability  
Joshua Russell – Powell Little League  
Anya Mackoyak  
Brandon Wick- CityLife HOA  
Stacy Johnson - BAC

#### **Introductions and Opening Announcements**

1. Introductions – We went around the room to introduce ourselves.
2. Announcements  
Community Garden – Lee provided a written update:
  - Seed Starting workshop and Garden Cleanup the prior Saturday was a success
  - Access Slope now ready for planting. Tractor clearing grass and brush and made a wheelbarrow path diagonally up the hill.
  - Berry bushes have arrived. Native plants will be delivered 10:30 Friday 3/15. Looking for volunteers to help
  - Planting and plot staking work session 3/16 10:00-2:00
  - Permanent sign has been completed by Joe's Signs and will be installed after the access slop is landscaped.

#### **New Business**

1. Mike read the passage at the top of the agenda, so everyone understands our obligations to civility and politeness.
2. Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes was bypassed as we did not have minutes to vote on.
3. Joshua Russell from Powell Little League provided an update on the 2013 season.
  - They are planning a night game June 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> again this year.
  - The fence will be put up March 30<sup>th</sup>. It will include a pass way exactly the same as last year's
  - There will be a portapotty
  - There will not be concessions
  - The sponsorship signs on the fence will be maintained in good condition.
4. Motion to establish co-secretaries, so that minutes are prioritized was brought by Wendy, seconded by Eric and passed unanimously. Joanna will be serving as Co-Secretary.
  - It was agreed that minutes would be provided via email by to group no later than the weekend after the meeting board meeting.

5. Bill Cunningham from the City Planning Bureau came as a last minute replacement for Matt Wickstrom to update the group on the Portland Comprehensive Plan. There were a number of questions Bill was unable to answer, so it was agreed we would ask Matt to come back to speak to us.
  - The current phase of the project was described as “Policy concepts”. This phase is scheduled to be completed in May. This would include any changes to the prioritization around light rail properties i.e. Commercial vs. Dense Residential.
  - The next phase of the project will be the “Mapping phase”.
    - Bill was able to provide details in response to questions on School involvement; access to the greenway system; best way to “garner broad neighborhood support”
    - Bill did share that “additional industrial zoning is needed”. This represented an additional reason why the board would like Matt to come back, so that we can better understand what that could mean to Brooklyn.
    - Bill was unable to provide specifics on what should be done by the BAC to stay informed and involved in this process.
6. General Meeting Preparations reviewed. Joanna secured speakers from the Red Cross and Emergency Management Bureau to review emergency preparedness. In addition we will have updates on tree counting project, neighborhood cleanup, TriMet, Brooklyn Community Garden and Neighborhood watch. Cookies and Doughnuts to be served instead of pizza.
7. Jennifer Koozer from Trimet updated the group on construction. This included:
  - Powell construction is on schedule.
  - Joanna noted that the Boise sidewalk is broken and seems dangerous. Jennifer plans to review this week to determine next steps to mitigate.
  - Joanna noted people seem to be crossing at Center, which doesn’t seem safe. Jennifer explained that any intersection is a legal intersection to cross.
  - 17<sup>th</sup> Ave should be open end of summer 2013.
  - The Railroad crossing on 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Ave will be closed July 15- Aug 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - The turnaround on 17<sup>th</sup> is being moved to Lafayette.
  - Eric asked if there would be dust control during construction. Jennifer informed us that yes there would be dust control in the dry season.
8. Brandon Wick from City Life Community came to discuss parking issue around light rail. They have been working with Joe Wrecker the Permit Coordinator for TriMet to create a version two of the initial proposal for changes to the parking lot on Center and 17<sup>th</sup>. This includes:
  - Reducing number of parking spaces
  - Creating a solid fence to separate the properties.
  - 8-10 foot easement instead of 5City Life is continuing to work with TriMet, and provide the BAC an update. We requested that they contact us if they need any assistance through this process.
9. The t-shirt website has been completed and the url was provided to the board for review.
10. The Sylvan Highlands Neighborhood Association has requested the BAC sign a statement opposing the placement of parking meters in Washington Park. Mike read the statement to the group. Wendy motioned we send the statement. Eric seconded. It passed unanimously.

### **Re-occurring Business**

1. The Newsletter updates for Marie are due no later than April 10. Topics to be included:
  - Cleaning up after your dog
  - Brooklyn Community Garden
  - T-Shirt site
  - Little League
  - Movie in the park August 22<sup>nd</sup>.
2. Don provided the treasure's report.